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EXTENDED STANDARDS NEW ELECTIVES TRAINING: NC VOCATIONAL PREPARATION AND HEALTH, SAFETY AND INDEPENDENT LIVING

The Extended Standards New Electives professional development will establish and implement training and program support services to meaningfully improve the performance and success of students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities (SCD) in North Carolina. SCD students are those students accessing the general curriculum through the Extended Content Standards. The two new elective courses: Vocational Preparation and Health, Safety and Independent Living are **mandated** for the 2019-2020 school year. This training will provide valuable resources and knowledge base to participants implementing the new electives. The objectives of this course are:

- Identify Meaningful Individualized Assessments specific to both courses
- Identify Curriculum Resources that address content of both courses
- Identify Best Teaching Practices to assure acquisition of skills for both courses
- Ideas for Lesson Planning – How to support skills for students with significant disabilities, how to break down and scaffold for individualized needs

The training for this course will be a 1-day, interactive session providing participants resources to utilize within instructional practices and is the last one scheduled for across the state. The targeted audience for this training: high school ECS teachers, program coordinators, related service personnel, coordinating teachers and any professional working with high school age students on the ECS. Participants will receive .6 CEUs for attending the session.

Please make sure those attending are those who registered. Training materials will be sent after the first break during the session.

Date	Location
September 25, 2019 8:30 am – 4:30 pm	133 James Sprunt Drive Kenansville, NC 28349

Space is limited to 50 participants on a first come basis. All registration will be handled electronically. Please follow the provided link (or copy and paste it into your browser) to access registration:

https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3HHgeebRCREJZqt

Questions regarding this professional development may be directed to Matthew Martinez at matthew.martinez@dpi.nc.gov or 919-807-4059.

DPI is creating a listserv intended for professionals working with students with significant disabilities. The members can include EC directors, program specialists, ECS teachers, related service personnel and para-professionals. The purpose of this listserv is to offer support and professional development opportunities for people teaching and supporting students with significant disabilities. The link provided requests name and email for those parties interested:

https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7UL1eEReaHCdfyR

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